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THE SAN YSIDRO - TIJUANA BORDER

The U.S. – Mexican border along San Ysidro and Tijuana is the busiest land border crossing in the Western Hemisphere, where thousands of people pass each day. As a result, the free flow of goods and people plays a key role in the binational commerce for both nations. However the current port of entry, built in the 1970s, now requires extensive expansion projects to accommodate existing and future traffic. To match that growth and better meet the traveling public's changing needs, both nations are working closely to execute coordinated expansion, realignment and construction projects in their respective inspection stations. Currently, the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry (LPOE) is undergoing a major expansion and realignment project which will increase the number of northbound inspection booths to 63 spread over 34 lanes. This includes the recent construction of the new pedestrian walkway and crossing on the east side of the port.

PEDWEST (WESTERN PEDESTRIAN CROSSING)

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is currently constructing an additional southbound and northbound pedestrian crossing on the west side of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry (LPOE) to complement the existing pedestrian crossing on the east side. The design includes ten northbound and two reversible southbound pedestrian processing lanes and conveniently serves the traveling public on the west side of San Ysidro. This facility was originally planned to be constructed during the last phase of the project, Phase III. GSA is proud to be working with a binational group of local, state and federal partner agencies to expedite its construction ahead of schedule to better serve the local communities.

VIRGINIA AVENUE TRANSIT CENTER

The current concept envisions a new intermodal transit center that will be able to accommodate taxis, buses, jitneys, pedicab and privately owned vehicles (POVs) dropping off and picking up passengers. Additionally, the new multimodal transit center and Virginia Avenue improvements are conveniently located on the west side of the pedestrian bridge to connect the community to mass transit through the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's trolley's blue line and buses. This \$8 million project is jointly funded by GSA and the Caltrans District 11 using Coordinated Border Infrastructure program funds administered by Federal Highway Administration. The facility is a collaborative effort that involves the federal government, Caltrans, the City of San Diego, MTS, and SANDAG.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

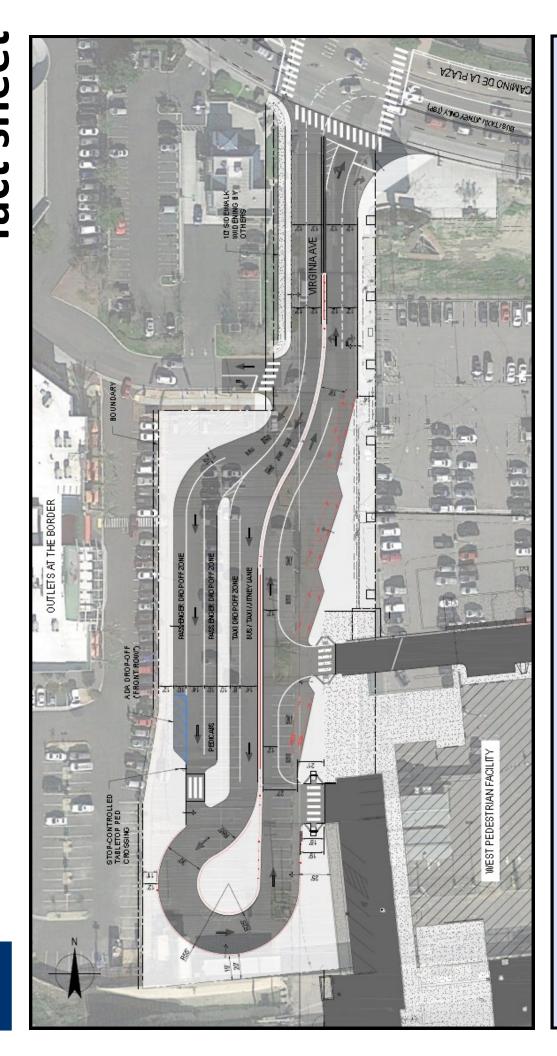
The GSA will begin a Design Build contract with the current VATC documents to construct the new VATC in order to complete it with the PedWest Facility in late Spring 2016.





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DESIGN OBJECTIVES

- Maximize pedestrian and cyclist safety and capacity while serving multiple modes of transportation.
 - Deliver project concurrently with western pedestrian facility (PedWest).
- Accommodate adjacent uses and meet site constraints and limits.
- Coordinate the needs of multiple stakeholder agencies and the local community.